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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 10-126026, published May 15, 1998, with English Abstract.
2. KANAI et al., "Fillet and Land Lifting Phenomenon on Lead-Free Solder", *MES2000*, The Tenth Microelectronics Symposium, November 2000, pp. 207-210.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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